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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Claim 4,** line 13: Delete "claims 1 or 2" and insert --claim 1--;

**Claim 5,** line 18: Delete "claim 1 or 2" and insert --claim 1--.

**REMARKS**

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependency of the claim in order to avoid the additional fee.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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